

I have been a subscriber of XM Satellite Radio for over a year and just renewed my subscription for five more years. Satellite radio, whether by XM or SIRIUS, provides the best source of radio content available in any market. The fact that the same programming is available nationwide is a great bonus for interstate travelers. And the fact that myself and millions of others are willing to PAY for radio, further demonstrates the need for this medium. Also, on a personal level, the local weather and traffic channels available from satellite radio provide me with a valuable service when I am travelling in covered cities. Instead of hunting through the car radio dial to find the local station that carries this information, I merely go to the XM channel guide in my car and tune in the correct station. This benefit, like XM's huge selection of quality commercial and commercial free radio programming, makes satellite radio such a pleasant alternative to the commercial rich, same song playlists, and rude D.J.'s found on both the AM and FM dial, (the latter of which is a subject for another day, but keep up the fight to keep 'em clean, as kids are listening too!).

Therefore, as an avid satellite radio supporter, I respectfully urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and support satellite radio providers' ability to offer the type of programming that I demand, deserve, use, and enjoy. Thank you.